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SUBJECT: STRIKE SITUATION

1. THREATENED NATIONAL STRIKE IN STEEL INDUSTRY HAS BEEN POSTPONED FROM FEBRUARY 10 TO FEBRUARY 13 TO PERMIT UNIONS TO CONSULT WITH MEMBERS ON COMPROMISE AGREEMENT WORKED OUT FEBRUARY 8. STRIKE THREATEND FOR METAL FABRICATION SECTOR, E G. CATERPILLAR WESTINGHOUSE, GENERAL MOTORS, ETC., ALSO POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY 13 PENDING CONSULTATIONS. HOWEVER, METAL WORKERS AT FIVE PLANTS IN LIEGE REGION SCHEDULED GO ON STRIKE FEBRUARY 10 AS PLANNED. NO US FIRMS INVOLVED THERE.

2. STRIKES AND OCCUPANCY OF FACTORIES AT GLVERBEL PLANT START AT GILLY AND AT VAL ST. LAMBERT CONTINUE ALTHOUGH SOME PROGRESS TOWARD SOLUTION OF GLAVERBEL PROBLEM HAS BEEN MADE. BELGIAN UNIONS PLAN JOINT DEMONSTRATION WITH FRENCH COUNTER-PARTS IN PARIS FEBRUARY 17 AT HEAQUARTERS OF BSN, HOLDING COMPANY FOR GLAVERBEL.

3. COMMENT: UNIONS RECOGNIZE STEEL EMPLOYERS PREPARED TO TAKE STRIKE SINCE STOCKS ARE HIGH AND ORDERS ARE LOW. SITUATION IN UNCLASSIFIED

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METAL SECTOR MORE FLUID WHICH EXPLAINS WHY STRIKEE GOING AHEAD

IN LIEGE. UNIONS WANT WAGE NEGOTIATIONS TO CONTINUE AT REGIONAL  
LEVEL AFTER NATIONAL AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED. EMPLOYERS HAVE  
PROPOSED WAGE NEGOTIATIONS AT PLANT LEVEL TO SUPPLEMENT  
NATIONAL AGREEMENT.  
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